(e) Works shown against part (a) have already been sanctioned and are at different stages of planning and progress as present status has already been shown against each work. Out of 5 works shown against part (b) and (c) only one work at SI. No. 1 could be sanctioned and site survey for preparation of Detailed Estimate has already been taken in hand for it whereas remaining proposals shown from SI. No. 2 to 5 could not find place in the Railway's Works Programme due to reasons shown above in juxta position.

Train from Delhi to Tirupati

659. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is no direct train from Delhi to Triupati in Andhra Pradesh where about 20,000 devotees from North visit daily; and

(b) if so, the action proposed to start a bi-weekly direct express train immediately to ease the difficulties faced by the Senior Citizens and elderly ladies in changing trains to Renigunta for visit to Tirupati, the most reverred religious place in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Introduction of a direct train from Delhi to Tirupati is not feasible, at present, due to operational and resource constraints.

Booking Through Internet at Bhubaneshwar

660. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Railways have introduced train ticket booking through internet at Bhubaneshwar on the East Coast Railway zone;

(b) if so, other important stations proposed to be covered with this facility; and

(c) whether the passengers who book their tickets on the internet would have to shell out additional amounts, if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Other important stations proposed to be covered with courier delivery of tickets booked through internet in near future are Agartala,

Shillong, Darjeeling, Siliguri, Mysore, Madurai, Rajkot, Nasik, Jammu, Saharanpur and Roorkee.

(c) The passengers, who book their tickets through internet, pay Rs. 40/- per ticket to Indian Railway Catering and Tourism Corporation (IRCTC). In addition, the charges as levied by Master/Visa Organization and various banks have been detailed in the Statement enclosed.

Statement

List of Master/Visa Organizations and various Banks levying charges for booking of Railway Tickets through Internet.

Bank/Organization	Charges
ICICI Payment Gateway & Citibank Payment Gateway, Master/Visa Organization & member Banks.	1.8% of the total transaction value for Credit Card Transactions.
ICICI Bank Limited	0.5% for Direct Debit Transactions
Citi Bank Limited	Rs. 10/- Direct Debit Transactions
HDFC Bank Limited	Rs. 10/- Direct Debit Transactions
IDBI Bank Limited	Rs. 10/- Direct Debit Transactions

Projects in NF Railway

661. DR. ARUN KUMAR SARMA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of ongoing projects being executed in the NF Railways, indicating the date of sanction, original and present cost of projects, year-wise allocation and utilization made, progress of work, allocations for 2003-2004 alongwith the target set; and

(b) the details of additional budgetary support received from various sources to complete those projects?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) Details of Ongoing Projects under execution on N.F. Railway indicating the year of inclusion in the Budget, original and present day cost, year wise allocation and utilisation made, progress of work and target wherever set with allocation for 2003-2004 are as under:—